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MARLBOROUGH, BERNARD 185

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION AND STATISTICAL SERVICE

APPENDIX A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 11/20/85

FULL NAME Gerald E. Margrave, Jr. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER N/A  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 12914 Ventura Blvd.

CITY Rockford STATE IL ZIP CODE 61111

DATE OF BIRTH May 1939 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 46 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Lutheran NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION Realtor

EDUCATION

WEIGHT 200 HEIGHT 6'0" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR White COLOR OF EYES N/A

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS =

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN =

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE =

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
0090	Rockford	IL	SM	9/1/31	7/5/84

SPECIAL RECOGNITION =

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: We have informed him that he could stay registered on council committees where contact with boys was not necessary. He has been inactive for over a year. He was informed that if he wanted to serve as a SM, we felt the head of the chartered organization should be informed of the allegations leading to his no longer serving as SM of Troop 90.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

Supporting documents previously mailed in July 1984.

E. STAXON

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed *E. M. Margrave*  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council 660

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July 6, 1988

George W. Stone  
Scout Executive  
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Gerald E. Margrave

Dear George:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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# BLACKHAWK COUNCIL

P O Box 4085 1800 7th Avenue, Rockford, IL 61110 815/397-0210  
East Central Region, Council 660



SCOUTING/USA

June 7, 1988

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Director, Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
PO Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECTS: Gerald E. Margrave, Jr.  
Gerald Roger Jarman

Dear Paul,

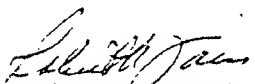
This is in response to your inquiry concerning information on the above individuals.

Gerald E. Margrave, Jr., was found not guilty, by a jury, of sexual abuse of a minor.

Gerald R. Jarman was found guilty of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$350.00 and costs and put on probation for two years.

Both individuals should remain on the confidential list.

Sincerely,

  
Robert A. Faris  
Program Director

RAF/clb

cc: Stone  
Margrave File  
Jarman File

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May 6, 1988

Mr. George W. Stone  
Scout Executive  
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: GERALD E. MARGRAVE, JR.

Dear George:

I know things sometimes take forever, but I wondered if the trial of the above named individual had now come to pass.

We would like to have the outcome of the legal action so that we may be able to complete this file. This would then protect the youth of America and make certain that Mr. Margrave could never register with the Boy Scouts of America.

Please let us know if we may be of help to you in some way in securing this material.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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March 18, 1988

Mr. George W. Stone  
Scout Executive  
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: GERALD E. MARGRAVE, JR.

Dear George:

Periodically, we follow up on each case which we have in our file which is not completed. We last heard from you in early November 1987.

We would like to know if the above named individual has gone to trial and whether this will enable us to have the file complete in order to refuse any registration attempts which might be made at a later time.

We do feel that Mr. Margrave should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and certainly we need the final outcome of any legal action in order to substantiate this.

Let us know if you have any further information which would be helpful to us.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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# BLACKHAWK COUNCIL

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East Central Region, Council 660



SCOUTING/USA

Connie L. Bracken  
Executive Secretary

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, TX 75038

RE: Gerald E. Mangrave, Jr.

Dear Mr. Ernst,

Regarding the above-named individual, his case will be going to trial in the next month or two according to our state's attorney.

We will send any details as they transpire.

Sincerely,

*Connie L. Bracken*

Connie L. Bracken  
(Secretary to Mr. Stone)

/clb

Officers: President: Stanley Sendek Vice-Presidents: Charles E. Blake, James H. Boeger, J. Peter Jeffrey, Robert E. Mansen, Dennis W. Pratt  
Commissioner: Curtis H. Moore, PhD Treasurer: R. Ray Wood Past President: Grant Herman Council Executive: C. M. Buenger Chief Scout: Dana M. Dawes  
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October 14, 1987

Mr. George W. Stone  
Scout Executive  
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Gerald E. Margrave, Jr.

Dear George:

I am following up on our previous correspondence related to the above named individual. You had indicated that there was some action scheduled for June 25, and we have not heard from you since that date.

Please send us any newspaper clippings or court records which you have available. If the case has now been completed, we would like the final outcome and sentencing.

Thanks so much for your help in building a complete file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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# BLACKHAWK COUNCIL

P O Box 4085 1800 7th Avenue, Rockford, IL 61110 815/397-0210  
East Central Region, Council 660



SCOUTING/USA

June 9, 1987

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, TX 75038

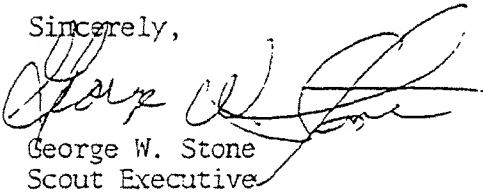
Subject: Gerald E. Margrave, Jr.

Dear Paul,

In response to your letter of April 14 requesting further information on the above-named individual, this case has not been completed and is still pending trial. According to our state's attorney, there is a "status date" scheduled for June 25.

We will send any further information as it becomes available to us.

Sincerely,



George W. Stone  
Scout Executive

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April 14, 1987

Mr. Charles M. Buenger  
Scout Executive  
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Gerald E. Margrave, Jr.

Dear Chuck:

We appreciate the material which you have sent us concerning the above-named individual. This has certainly strengthened our file and will enable us to refuse registration should an attempt be made at any time. At the present time, we do not believe he should be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

I would like to know the outcome of the legal action which is now in process related to the sexual relations with a youth.

Please send us anything you now have if this case has been completed. This will strengthen our file and complete the case.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

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Please add  
to all confidential  
files on Gerald Margrave  
-thank you!

## Status hearing slated in Margrave sex case

A status hearing in the case of Gerald Margrave, 27, 2914 W. 14th Ave., Blythe, Monday, Feb. 15, is slated for today (Thursday).

Margrave, a former member of the Harlowe School District Board and the board of the Northville Urban School, is charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse involving a youngster under the age of 15 years.

The complaint against him, as contained in a four-page document, alleges that he sexually abused a youngster, a female, in the home of the youngster's mother, and borrowed a car for a ride to the home of the youngster's mother.

On April 1, the alleged victim, who was a newspaper delivery boy, whom Margrave had known for some time, according to a prosecutor, was taken to a prosecutor.

After hearing preliminary testimony, a judge found probable cause to hold trial in the case. Margrave has pleaded innocent, and has not waived his right to a jury trial.

Public Defender Ed Light has been assigned to Margrave's case, after the accused man declared himself incapable of paying for a lawyer in an affidavit filed as part of court records pertaining to the case.

Margrave described himself in the document as an unemployed man with a monthly income of \$480 from pension, annuity, welfare, workman's compensation, and a retirement plan. He asserted that he owned a car valued at \$200, and a boat of unspecified value, according to the affidavit which says personal debts amount to \$1,000. Margrave owes money on his home, the document indicated, and borrowed a car for a ride to the home of the youngster's mother.

The document filed Monday in court was signed by State Attorney Dan Torrisi.

Torrisi has supplied a list of 20 witnesses, including the alleged victim, he may call for testimony. The prosecutor, however, has formally objected to providing all police reports composing the state's case. A letter to a Wayne State judge, man may also be submitted as evidence, according to Torrisi's response to the defense motion.

A status hearing was slated earlier, on a date in early December, but setting of a trial date was delayed.

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## Machesney man charged with youngster abuse

A former member of the Harlem School Board has been charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a minor, according to police.

~~General Margrave, 40, of 2914~~  
~~Ventura Blvd., Machesney Park,~~  
was arrested by sheriff's police Monday and accused of improper conduct with a young boy in his home six months ago. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Margrave last served on the school board in 1983, when he met defeat in his bid for re-election. He has also served on the North Suburban Library Board of Trustees, and has been involved in an anti-drug program working with young people.

Police say the investigation is continuing. Detectives are looking into Margrave's activities with the Boy Scouts and in the Big Brothers program, according to Sgt. Bill Burgess of the sheriff's department.

The youngster did not tell authorities directly about the alleged incident, but mentioned it to someone else, who alerted investigators to question the boy, Burgess, who declined to give the victim's age but said he was less than 12 years old.

Another police source said the boy was 12 years old, an acquaintance of Margrave who was invited to the man's home and indecently fondled while there. No force was involved in the incident, according to police.

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October 29, 1986

Mr. Charles M. Buenger  
Council Executive  
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Gerald Margrave, Jr.

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for your latest letter concerning the above-named individual. It looks like we were right in placing this individual on the file a year ago.

Please continue to keep me informed as more legal action takes place. This will certainly give us the information we need for refusal of any registration attempts should they occur in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

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# BLACK HAWK COUNCIL

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East Central Region, Council 660



SCOUTING/USA

October 22, 1986

Mr. Paul I. Ernst  
National Boy Scout Office S108  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, TX 75038

Dear Paul,

Enclosed is a newspaper clipping from the Rockford Register Star to add to your confidential file on Gerald Margrave.

Also, last week a detective from the sheriff's department talked with me regarding their investigation. We will keep you informed of all events as they transpire.

Sincerely,

C. M. Buenger  
Council Executive

CVB/clb

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## Sexual abuse charged

A Machesney Park man was arrested Monday in connection with a sex offense that took place about six months ago.

Gerald Margrave Jr., 47, 12914 Ventura Blvd., was jailed on a charge of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Detectives of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department said Margrave was charged in connection with an incident that took place in his home and involved a child under the age of 12.

Investigators said the investigation is continuing and further charges are pending against Margrave.

No other information was released.

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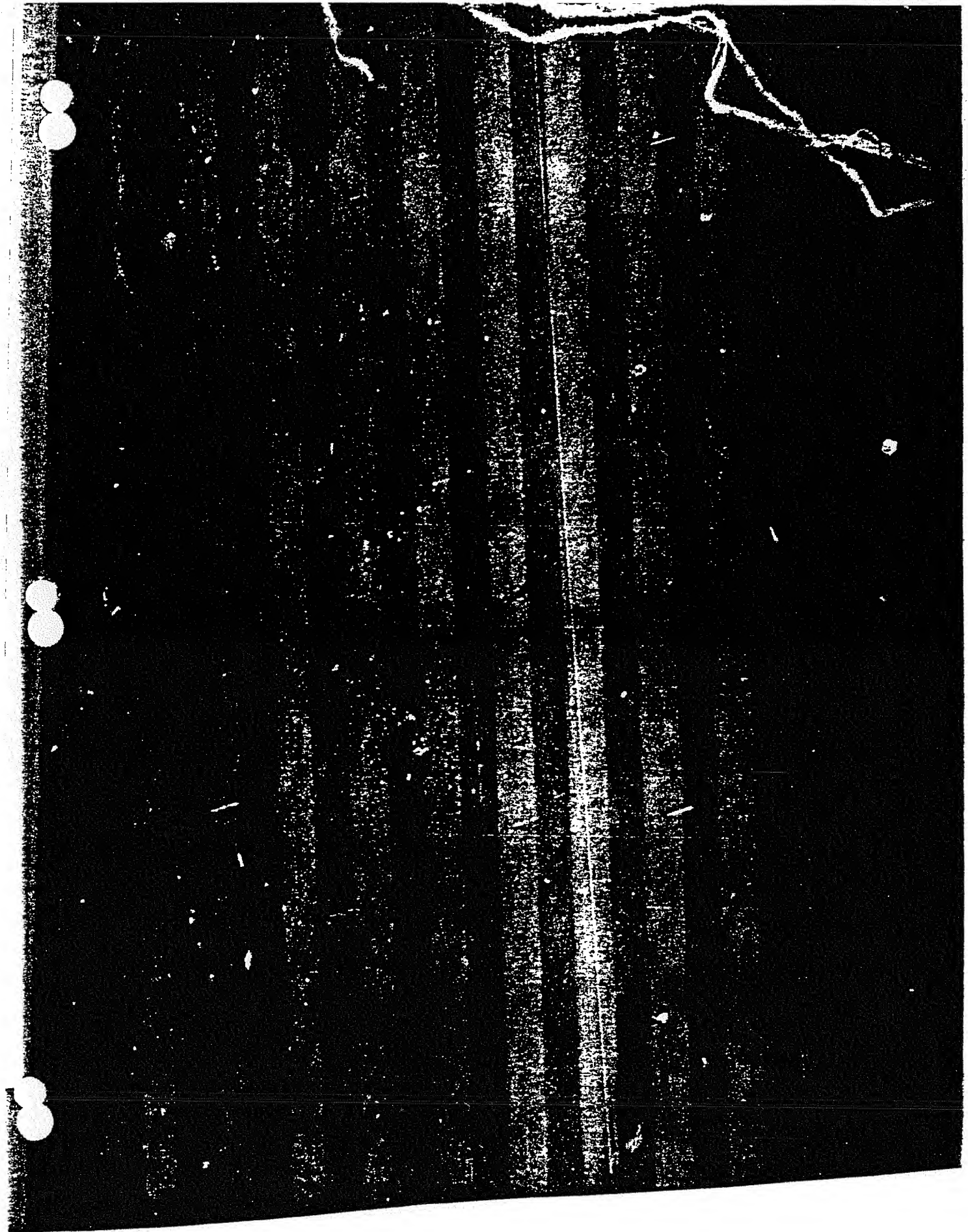
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COUNCIL #

CALLER

UNIT #

DIST. #

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Re:

of case

Gerald. Margrave

Ilo sent  
last class mail  
12/17/84  
am

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CR SHEETS

LE. Charles M. Buenger

PROBLEM (S)

REGISTRATION

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EXPLORING

SCOUTING

BOYS' LIFE

Called the council - they have nothing  
concrete - man has dropped out of scouting.  
Council would register him on a precautionary  
basis. They will send CR sheet -  
Maybe should keep on file as precautionary.

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September 21, 1984

Mr. Donald C. Voll  
Field Director  
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Don:

This is just a follow up to our previous correspondence concerning Gerald E. Margrave, Jr.. In our letter of July 20, we had asked for a Confidential Record Sheet so that we would be able to identify Mr. Margrave should he move somewhere else and try to register. I am enclosing another form for your use. We would appreciate the completion of this form and the return so that we can indentify Mr. Margrave.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

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July 20, 1984

Mr. Donald C. Voll  
Field Director  
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Don:

Thank you for the information concerning Gerald E. Margrave, Jr..  
I feel you are justified in refusing youth contact by Mr. Margrave.  
Your decision to stop this association is certainly a good one.

We are enclosing a confidential record sheet which we would like you to complete. We would then put Mr. Margrave on what we call a precautionary file. This means that we would notify the Scout Executive of any council where he would try to register, so that they could use caution in his registration status.

If you have any questions concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please complete, and submit the confidential record sheet as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

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July 13, 1984

CONFIDENTIALTo: Paul Ernst, Registration Subscription and Statistical Service/ BSAFrom: Donald C. Voll, Field Director

Re: Gerald E. Margrave, Jr.  
12914 Ventura Blvd.  
Rockford, IL 61111

Scoutmaster, Troop 90 (expiration date, 4/30/85)  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
Rev. Donald Olson, Pastor  
4141 W. State Street  
Rockford, IL 61102

1. Monday, July 2, 1984 - hand-delivered the attached [REDACTED] letter.
2. Tuesday, July 3, 1984 - advised Paul Ernst by telephone.
3. Friday, July 5, 1984 - met with pastor. Discussed options.  
  
phoned our camp and advised the director of the situation. (Troop was registered to begin camp on July 7.)
4. Saturday, July 6, 1984 - received call from Mr. [REDACTED] telling me he heard Mr. Margrave was relieved as Scoutmaster, with James E. Ditsworth as replacement.
5. Saturday, July 6, 1984 - received call from Mr. Margrave to tell me the pastor "fired" him as Scoutmaster due to problems involving Mr. Margrave's drinking, leaving campouts and intimate touching. Mr. Margrave was "shaken" over the phone so I suggested he come in for a personal discussion if he cared to.
6. Tuesday, July 10, 1984 - one hour visit between myself, Mr. Margrave, and David Miller, District Executive (who had been on vacation the week before.)  
  
first one-half of meeting Mr. Margrave was obviously quite nervous. He denied any "wrong" touching of boys, though admitted hugging and patting on rump for "encouragement." Denied he is/was gay. Denied ever leaving boys alone on camp outs. Admitted his lifestyle could have

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caused him to "smell like alcohol" when attending Scout meetings/committee meetings, etc. since he drinks at supper. Even said he told the pastor when he took over the troop 2 1/2 years ago that his adults might drink a "beer or two" on a campout "after the boys are in bed" but would always make sure one adult didn't drink anything!

Mr. Margrave was told that as per SOP Mr. Ernst was called on July 3, 1984 and that a special file was now in effect at BSA's Registration, Subscription and Statistical Service.

Mr. Margrave asked if his "now-blemished" record would bar him from Scouting and/or from ever being a Scoutmaster again. He was advised:

1. He could stay registered as a council member-at-large working on the council property and maintenance committee. (Program Director had already consented.)
2. If he wanted to be a Scoutmaster elsewhere in our council we would be obligated to review his character with that executive officer. He even said he would do the same.
3. Not to consider any boy/adult involvement via Scouting for a long time.
4. Seek help.

This situation has been reviewed and agreed to by all necessary professionals and volunteers.

Attachments: 7/2/84 Hemmer Letter  
7/10/84 Margrave letter

A copy of this document is on file at the Blackhawk Area Council, Service Center, Rockford, IL. (file 2-B-27)

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7/8/84

To: Mr. Chuck Buenger, Scout Executive  
Blackhawk Area Council Inc.  
1800 7th Ave.  
Rockford, Illinois

at camping at Smith's woods.

From: [REDACTED]  
Winnebago, Illinois  
[REDACTED]

Troop 59's recruiting efforts failed to net any new boys this spring so we were unable to re-register the troop at this time.

Our committee chairman, Jim Ditsworth, has been very active in church affairs at Messiah Lutheran Church and he suggested that we register our two scouts with Troop 90, sponsored by their church. That way the boys could continue their scouting advancement and go to summer camp.

We registered [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in Troop 90 and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]'s dad) and [REDACTED] joined their committee.

The following is a list of events as reported by the boys.

[REDACTED] was appointed SPL by the Scoutmaster, Jerry Margrave, and was invited to his house for the purpose of finding out what we had taught him about being SPL.

Mr. Margrave picked him up about 1:00PM, Friday, June 8th, 1984.

As soon as he got into the car, Mr. Margrave started tickling him on the thighs, side, neck. On the legs he was very close to the genital area.

Mr. Margrave told him that tickling was the Scoutmaster's revenge for scouts.

Once they got to the house, [REDACTED] avoided him.

Friday evening [REDACTED] slept in a tent in the yard and Mr. Margrave stayed in the house.

Saturday AM [REDACTED] fished while Mr. Margrave puttered around in the house.

They left about 3PM Saturday to take [REDACTED] back home and once in the car the tickling started again.

On Tuesday, June 26th Mr. Margrave picked up [REDACTED] for the purpose of helping to load canoes for that night's troop meeting.

Once in the car, the tickling started again.

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On Friday, June 29th the troop went camping at Smith's woods.

At camp, Mr. Margrave made an attempt to start tickling [REDACTED] again, but [REDACTED] avoided him.

The other scouts in Troop 90 told [REDACTED] to avoid Mr. Margrave because he was "weird."

Mr. Margrave had asked other boys, and now [REDACTED], to go to Canada for whitewater canoeing. Two of the boys told [REDACTED] they didn't want to go because Mr. Margrave was "weird."

[REDACTED] also declined.

On Saturday afternoon and evening, in casual conversation with other scouts, [REDACTED] said they were calling him (Mr. Margrave) names and constantly bad-mouthing him. They apparently have little respect for Mr. Margrave.

During the campout Mr. Margrave ate all of his meals in his car rather than in camp with the boys.

The boys also told him that Mr. Margrave usually left camp for 2 or 3 hours at a time on camp outs.

[REDACTED]

At [REDACTED]'s first troop meeting on May 29th Mr. Margrave patted him on the rear end, near the testicles and tried to tickle him.

On Friday, June 29 at the campout, Mr. Margrave started to tickle [REDACTED], telling him that tickling was the Scoutmaster's revenge. He was trying to tickle him on the thigh near the testicles. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to stay away from him.

On Friday evening, the boys walked to Roy Gayle Park to watch a ball game while Mr. Margrave stayed in camp.

On Saturday AM. Mr. Margrave had planned to take [REDACTED] back to the church to work on First Aid skill award and merit badge. He said the First aid equipment was at the church and he didn't want to haul it out to the campsite. They only used 3 bandages and two splints.

[REDACTED] didn't want to go back to the church alone with Mr. Margrave and the other boys tried to talk him out of it but Mr. Margrave said he had to go.

At the church Mr. Margrave started the tickling again while they were trying to do first aid. this happened 15 -20 times.

On Saturday evening, [REDACTED] walked home to get something and [REDACTED] went along because he didn't want to be left alone in camp. The other scouts had cars and had left for a time,

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██████████ is an Eagle Scout, home for the summer from college and was a member of Troop 59.

He went out to the campsite to visit about 10:30PM on Saturday evening and, after visiting with ██████████ and ██████████ and talking to other boys, he decided to bring the boys home to my house.

Mr. Margrave was sleeping and didn't know the boys had left.

They showed up at my house at 12:30 AM and started telling me all that had transpired.

I suggested that they return to camp because if Mr. Margrave woke up and found boys missing, it could be a cause for alarm.

I gave ██████████ my sleeping bag and told him to stay with the boys that evening.

They came home about 7:30 AM Sunday.

After giving the boys time to calm down and catch up on some sleep I met with ██████████ and his family to try and get a full and factual story.

After that I talked with ██████████ to try and get a complete story from him.

After listening to the boys, it is always possible that no harm was intended and the Scoutmaster simply used bad judgment. However considering the nature of the tickling and the fact that it was always done in private, I can't help but suspect other motives.

Other things that need to be considered are what is Mr. Margrave's background, why have boys left the troop?

Troop 90 is scheduled to go to Canyon Camp on July 8th and neither ██████████ or ██████████ will be going. I will make arrangements to take them later myself.

Neither ██████████ or ██████████ will be going back to Troop 90 so that will solve our problem but my concern is what about other boys and future actions by Mr. Margrave



7/12  
July 10, 1984

Mr. Chuck Buenger  
Scout Executive  
Blackhawk Area Council  
P O Box 4085  
Rockford, IL 61110

Chuck-

I was called around noon on Saturday July 7th by the Pastor Olson of Messiah Lutheran Church, sponsoring institution of Boy Scout Troop 90 and told of some letters sent to Council which Mr. Donald Voll had shown him charging me of some things which these parents didn't like. He asked for my resignation. I gave it to him immediately since in some 21 years as an adult Scouter I have always placed my resignation on the table when I take the job so if we can't work it out there are no problems. However, I felt a half-hour or so phone conversation was a bit unfair. I then called your Mr. Voll and asked him what was going on. He stated he took the letter out to Pastor Olson on Friday and we talked about some of the charges. I asked Don to meet with him on either Monday or Tuesday. He agreed. I also talked with Mr. Dave Miller whom had just come off vacation and of course he wasn't aware of the situation. Then I called all of my Troop Committee Members Saturday and Sunday advising them I had been fired. Also, I advised my Woodbadge Counselor, Dale Smith on Monday the advisor to the P&M Committee and Marie Jacobson my District Commissioner. In addition, I advised my former Ass't. S/M Bruce Schafman and current Ass't. S/M Rod Stuffle. Most of my Troop Committee were not aware of any of the events especially my Troop Committee Chairman at the time.

Today, Tuesday July 10th I came to your offices approximately 9:45 a.m. to talk with Mr. Voll and Mr. Miller. I asked what was going on, Mr. Voll asked me what I had heard. We had an exchange of conversation. Mr. Voll indicated that he had checked National Headquarters and there was never a blemish on my record but this would be. Therefore, I demand to meet my accuser to find out where he, she, they or whomever are coming from

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so that we can resolve it or at least try to.

My feeling is this-

District asked me to go look at Troop 90 to find out what was going wrong in the summer of 1981. The Church did not want to re-charter because of the Troop Committee Chairman from my understanding. I went to numerous meetings and made a three page statement or so stating what I had seen, what I thought was not working right and made some recommendations. (I forgot this this morning--the Scout Executive asked me to consider becoming Scoutmaster--I refused due to the distance from my home). The future Troop Committee Chairman, Gerry Shelton and Committee Member, Larry Weddle interviewed me. I agreed for a year to get the program back on track and for them to find a Scoutmaster.

I wrote up a proposal for Troop 90 and my philosophy on Scouting which I presented to the Troop 90 Troop Committee. Most of the proposal has been met.

We were able to obtain tents, patrol utensil kits, patrol chef kits, water jugs. The boys had the opportunity to earn their entire camp funds through fund raisers. We earned two honor unit awards--the most we could earn. We earned a National Camping Award and if the kids go to camp this year it would be a second National Camping Award since camp is the last requirement to be met. I won Outstanding Leader of the Year Award from the District. The boys earned many awards, built their first sled for Klondike Derby, marched in the Galena Parade for the first time, we had 5 Den Chiefs working last year, 4 Scouts worked the Cub Scout Day Camp this year, we have advanced well until recently, the boys have participated in numerous service projects at the church, Scout Show, Walk-a-Thon, etc. We have worked on Smith Woods improving it and cleaning it up. And I think most important--these boys began believing in themselves and have become better citizens. Chuck, maybe I am wrong but I believe this hard work on the part of the Scouts and my Assistants and myself should not be canceled the day before Summer Camp--the big event of the year for Scouts. I have found out that most of my Scouts are devastated as they should be.

Chuck, I was a Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer and involved in adult Scouter positions except for my college years when I was trying to keep my grade average up and was too busy to do anything except encourage Scouting. In fact, one of my offers was Scouting. My Dad was my Scoutmaster and an Eagle Scout. My Mom was my Den Mother. My Uncle was an Eagle Scout and taught me a lot about boating. Somehow, a half-hour phone call to fire me on the basis of one letter which I don't know the full details doesn't seem fair. I have explained to Pastor, Don and Dave what I have done. There has always been an open-door policy for Scouts, parents, Cubs and their leaders, Troop Committee, Scout professionals, anyone in fact to come and see our program at any time. I have also opened the door for any complaints and allowed it at any time to any Scouter, Committee Member, Pastor and given telephone numbers so that we can try to work it out. I would appreciate a "big boy" approach where we can talk.

Sincerely,

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